



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS**



May 23, 2002

STAN WISNIEWSKI
DIRECTOR

KERRY GOTTLIEB
CHIEF DEPUTY

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF
A GRANT OF \$250,000 FROM THE CLEAN BEACHES, PROPOSITION 13,
COASTAL NONPOINT SOURCE PROGRAM, ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, FOR THE MARINA BEACH WATER
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (4TH DISTRICT)(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the hydrodynamic assessment, preparation of a Water Quality Improvement Plan, and sediment sampling necessary for Phase I of the Marina Beach Water Quality Improvement Project are categorically exempt as specified under Appendix G, Class 6 of the Revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 7, 1987.
2. Approve the attached Resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing acceptance of a grant of \$250,000 from the Clean Beaches, Proposition 13, Coastal Nonpoint Source Program, administered by the State Water Resources Control Board, for the Marina Beach Water Quality Improvement Project and appointing the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors agent of the County and delegating authority to him to sign the State agreement and all documents pertaining to the grant and to accept the grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

For many years, Marina Beach has suffered from degraded water quality caused by poor water circulation and bird waste accumulation. Because water quality at this beach remains a persistent problem due to poor circulation, the Department has devised the Marina Beach Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) that would address present causes of poor water quality and prevent future contaminants from

accumulating in the water. The WQIP will include a water infusion system that will increase circulation in Marina Beach by conveying water from an adjacent basin, removal and replacement of existing sand, and implementation of best management practices (BMP) for managing stormwater and runoff from nearby public parking lots, buildings and landscaped areas.

In March 2000, California voters approved Proposition 13 (2000 Water Bond) to support safe drinking, water quality, flood protection and water reliability projects throughout the state. On July 27, 2001, Governor Gray Davis signed the Budget Act of 2001 providing for Proposition 13 grants to be made available to fund 38 Clean Beaches Initiative (CBI) Projects, including the Marina Beach WQIP. The major goal of the CBI is to reduce health risks and increase the public's access to clean beaches. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is responsible for administering these funds.

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project and the SWRCB technical advisory committee have recommended a total of \$2 million be allocated for this project under the CBI. On February 19, the SWRCB approved a grant of, and is preparing a grant agreement for, \$250,000 to cover the first phase of the WQIP project – an assessment of the hydrodynamic options between Basin D (Marina Beach) and the adjacent basins, the preparation of a Water Quality Improvement Plan identifying mitigation strategies for improving water quality at Marina Beach, and sediment sampling to identify potential soil contamination and the recommendation of resulting mitigation measures. (See Attachment 2.)

Following this phase, we will be returning to you with an additional grant acceptance resolution and agreement for the balance of \$1,750,000 in CBI grant funds that will cover the later phases of the design and construction of the water infusion system, sediment removal and replacement, implementation of the BMPs for water runoff management, and any other measures determined to be appropriate.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The acceptance of the CBI grant from the SWRCB provides a funding opportunity for the County to improve water quality at Marina Beach, thereby furthering the County Strategic Plan goals of "Service Excellence" and "Fiscal Responsibility" and providing the public with access to quality recreational services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Marina Beach Water Quality Improvement Project is estimated to cost \$3.125 million. The Governor's Clean Beach Initiative has allocated \$2.0 million for the Marina Beach WQIP, of which this \$250,000 grant is the first phase. The CBI grant requires a

20% local match, therefore, \$50,000 must be provided by County matching funds or in-kind services for this phase. DBH's 2002-03 proposed budget includes \$300,000, \$250,000 to be offset with the State grant revenue, within its Marina Accumulative Capital Outlay (ACO) Fund for this purpose.

The second phase of the CBI grant agreement, \$1,750,000, will commence once the first phase studies and assessments are complete. This portion will also require a 20% local match of \$350,000. We have budgeted the second phase costs, \$2.1 million, as Capital Project 69219 in DBH's 2002-03 proposed capital projects budget and will return to your Board for project approval upon phase one completion.

To further fund the WQIP, \$500,000 is being requested from the State Water Resources Control Board's Cleanup and Abatement Account. Additional grant sources will be pursued to fulfill the remaining \$225,000 needed for the project.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This Board letter was submitted to the Small Craft Harbor Commission for review at its March 13, 2002 meeting, requesting endorsement of the recommendations herein. The Commission unanimously endorsed the Director's recommendations. This Board letter was also considered by the Beach Commission at its March 20, 2002 meeting, at which time the Commission unanimously endorsed the Director's recommendations.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the attached Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended action allows the Department to enter into Phase 1 of the Marina Beach WQIP, which consists of a hydrodynamic assessment, the preparation of a Water Quality Improvement Plan, and sediment sampling at Marina Beach. These actions are categorically exempt as specified under Appendix G, Class 6 subsection (b) of the Revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 7, 1987. The appropriate environmental documentation will be prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) prior to moving forward with additional phases of the project.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation currently monitors the water quality at Marina Beach on a daily basis to test the safety of human contact, and warning signs are posted any time State ocean water bacteriological standards are exceeded. The Clean Beaches Initiative grant will aid the County's ability to improve the water quality at

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Marina Beach and reduce the need for periodic beach closures. If successful, this approach might be transferable to other small embayments in the County that have similar problems with poor water circulation.

CONCLUSION

Please return the executed Resolution to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, along with one approved copy of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,



Stan Wisniewski
Director

Attachments (2)

- c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CLEAN BEACHES,
PROPOSITION 13, COASTAL NONPOINT SOURCE PROGRAM GRANT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 FROM
THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
FOR THE MARINA BEACH WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted Proposition 13 (2000 Water Bond Act) to support safe drinking, water quality, flood protection and water reliability projects throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's signed Budget Act of 2001 provided that Proposition 13 grants be made available to fund Clean Beaches Initiative Projects, including the Marina Beach Water Quality Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Clean Beaches, Proposition 13, Coastal Nonpoint Source Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to accept a Clean Beaches, Proposition 13, Coastal Nonpoint Source Program Grant from the State Water Resources Control Board in the amount of \$250,000 for the Marina Beach Water Quality Improvement Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appoints Stan Wisniewski, Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors, or his representative, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Beaches and Harbors hereby agrees and further does authorize the aforementioned representative or his/her designee to certify that the Department has and will comply with all applicable state statutory and regulatory requirements related to any state grants received.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____th day of _____, 2002 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Los Angeles.

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY COUNTY COUNSEL

LLOYD W. PELLMAN

By: *Richard Weiss*
Deputy

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2002 - 0033

APPROVAL OF A CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE GRANT FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (COUNTY) FOR FUNDING OF PHASE I OF THE MARINA BEACH PROJECT (PROJECT) TO REDUCE BACTERIAL CONTAMINATION AT MARINA BEACH FROM THE COASTAL NONPOINT SOURCE CONTROL (CNPSC) SUBACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN THE COSTA-MACHADO WATER ACT OF 2000 (ACT).

WHEREAS:

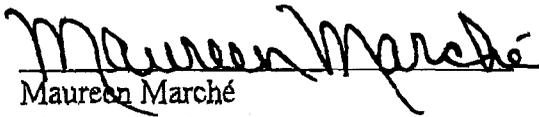
1. The Act was approved by the voters in the March 7, 2000, primary election;
2. The Act created the CNPSC Subaccount at Water Code Section 79148.4;
3. The Budget Act of 2001 appropriated a total of \$32,298,000 from the Act's CNPSC Subaccount (Item 3940-101-6022) for clean beach projects in accordance with a specific schedule. This project was identified as Item (a) in the schedule: County of Los Angeles: Mothers' Beach, Marina Del Rey for the amount \$2,000,000;
4. The County has submitted the necessary documentation to satisfy the Act's criteria for CNPSC Projects;
5. The Beach Water Quality Task Force, in cooperation with the California Coastal Commission, reviewed the project on January 8, 2002, and determined that it is consistent with existing water quality plans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board approves a grant not to exceed \$250,000 from the Act's CNPSC Subaccount for the funding of Phase I of the Project.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the forgoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on February 19, 2002.


Maureen Marché
Clerk to the Board